

**Remarks**

The Office Action has been reviewed with care and certain amendments made which are believed to place this application in condition for allowance. Applicant appreciates the attention of the Examiner to this patent application

A restriction requirement was made with respect to the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-19 and 55; Group II: claims 20-38; and Group III: claims 39-54.

Applicant herein elects Group I and cancels claims 20-54. Applicant enters new claims 56-89. No new matter is entered.

Claim 56 is similar to canceled claim 39 but requires that the yield be grown from a cranberry plant "according to a method in which a plant-growth-regulating composition is applied to the cranberry plant during the bloom period in an amount such that most of the cranberries have mature masses of less than 0.6 grams." The inventions of claims 1 and 56 are not distinct because the product (yield of cranberries) as claimed cannot be made by another and materially different process.

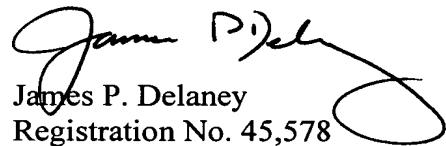
Claim 72 is similar to canceled claim 20 but requires a "method comprising applying to the cranberry plants during the bloom period a plant-growth-regulating composition in an amount such that the plants have a fruit set of at least about 80%." Claim 71 links claims 1 and 72 by requiring a "method for commercially growing miniature cranberries and increasing fruit set on cranberry plants, the method comprising applying to the cranberry plants a plant-growth-regulating composition during the bloom period in an amount such that the plants have a fruit set of at least about 80% and most of the cranberries have a mature mass of less than 0.6 grams." Applicant believes that the allowability of claim 71 prevents any restriction requirement between the inventions of claims 1-19 and 55 and claims 72-89.

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Applicant believes that the all claims are in proper form for allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful in facilitating resolution of any issues which might remain. Please debit Deposit Account 10-0270 for the required fee for one additional independent claim.

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